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Investigating organized crime who lure disabled persons to travel and work in Southeast Asia, the defendants were detained by the court

Prosecutor Zhuang Ke-hui commanded the Xiluo Branch of the Yunlin County Police Department, the Criminal Police Brigade of the Yunlin County Police Department, the Second Team of the Sixth Brigade of the Criminal Police Department, the Yongkang Branch of the Tainan City Police Department, and the Yunlin County Special Service Team of the Immigration Bureau to form a special project. The team found five persons who were suspected of tricking intellectual disabilities people to visit Southeast Asia. The team went to Kaohsiung, Tainan and other places to carry out searches and arrests On August 17, 2022. After questioned the defendants, the prosecutor identified 4 of them involved in committing the crime of making a person to go abroad by deception under Article 297(1) of the Criminal Law, participating organizations in the second paragraph of Article 3(1) of the Organized Crime Prevention Act, etc., and applied the court for detention, and the court ruled two men should be

detained and no access.

This Office was notified on August 8, 2022 that Wei was of insufficient intelligence, with an IQ between 54 and 40. He was a mentally handicapped person with moderate intellectual disability. He was taken away from his residence on July 27. Then stayed abroad and completely lost contact. The family heard the intensive news that Taiwanese people had been defrauded to leave the country. So they reported the case to the police that Wei was missing and asked for assistance On August 6. The prosecutor directed the police to review the airport entry and exit and intersection monitors. Then the police went to Kaohsiung, Tainan and other places to carry out searches and arrests on August 17. After the interrogation, it was found that the defendant Cai and others were involved the crime above.

The Ministry of Justice and Taiwan's High Prosecutor's Office have emphasized that Taiwanese people be deceived for job hunting and then sent to Southeast Asia, Dubai and other places to engage in human trafficking such as jobs where labor and pay are not equivalent, and sex trafficking, should be strictly investigated. The chief prosecutor of the department, Zhang Chun-hui, instructed the prosecutors of the department to conduct comprehensive investigations and crack down on crimes, and through relevant foreign-related units, make every effort to rescue our citizens to maintain their personal safety, and call on parents to pay attention to their families at home, to prevent criminal groups from deceiving people who lack the ability to make independent decisions to go abroad, and commit illegal crimes.